IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF ALABAMA NORTHERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)	
)	
v.)	Case No.: 2:07-cr-280-MHT
)	
TIMOTHY G. JONES)	

UNOPPOSED MOTION TO CONTINUE TRIAL

COMES NOW the Defendant, TIMOTHY G. JONES, by undersigned counsel, Michael J. Petersen, and pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h), respectfully moves this Court to continue this matter from March 17, 2008 trial docket.

In support of this motion, the Defendant would show that such continuance will serve the ends of justice, and will permit the parties to conduct the negotiation of a pre-trial resolution of this case, based on the following circumstances:

- 1. The attorney for the Government in this case, Jerusha Adams, Esq., does not oppose this motion.
- 2. Today this Court denied the Defendant's Motion to Continue, stating that the Defendant did not explain why negotiations could not be completed by the trial date of March 17, 2008. (Doc #16)
- 3. Both parties require additional time in order to properly investigate this matter. Mr. Jones was arraigned on January 28, 2008, on charges based upon events which occurred on or about the months of July, August, and September 2006, (Doc #1), and the Federal Public Defender was appointed to represent him. (Doc #7).
 - 4. Such investigation cannot be completed by the March 5, 2008 date by which Notice

of Intent to Change Plea must be filed in this matter pursuant to Rule 11(c)(1)©, Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure.

5. While requests for a continuance are addressed to the sound discretion of the trial court, *United States v. Darby*, 744 F.2d 1508, 1521(11thCir. 1984),*reh'g denied* 749 F.2d 733, *cert. denied*, 471 U.S. 1100 (1985), undersigned counsel feels that, in this case, the ends of justice will be served by allowing the counsel adequate time to thoroughly investigate this matter.

WHEREFORE, based upon the foregoing, the Defendant, by and through undersigned counsel moves this Court for an Order continuing this matter to the next available trial term in order to properly pursue investigation and a pre-trial resolution of this matter.

Dated this 4th day of March, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on March 4, 2008, I electronically filed the foregoing with the Clerk of the Court using the CM/ECF system, which will send notification of such filing to the following: Jerusha Adams, Esq., Assistant U.S. Attorney, 131 Clayton Street, Montgomery, AL 36101.

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